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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally,

I honorably object to the Proposed Final Judgment in the Microsoft case. There are several flaws with in the final proposal. One noticeable error is keeping Microsoft intact and not severely admonishing them for violating anti-trust laws. Another apparent defect entails the ineptitude to establish an effective mechanism that implements restrictions or regulations on MS.

As stated in the proposed settlement, Microsoft must comply with restrictions encompassed in the agreement. A three man compliance team will oversee and insure that Microsoft comply with the stated rules and regulations. Taking a closer look however, this three-man oversight team will be composed of the following: one appointee from the Justice Department, one appointee from Microsoft, and another appointee chosen by the two existing members. In turn, Microsoft will control half of the oversight team.

Yet, in the likelihood of any enforcement proceeding, all findings by the oversight committee will not be allowed into court. The sole purpose of the committee is to inform the Justice Department of all infractions by Microsoft. Subsequently the Justice Depart will launch its own investigation into the matter and commence litigation to halt all infractions.

What does this all mean? Translation- the oversight committee purely is an absentee landlord, who will not scrutinize Microsofts business dealings. Therefore in all fairness, the Proposed Final Judgment does not sufficiently provide the appropriate restrictions or penalties placed on Microsoft. What reassurance do we have that Microsoft will not continue to abuse it monopoly position and break the anti-trust laws? I can assure you that the Proposed Final Judgment will not effectively address the question in this matter. Therefore I respectfully submit to the court my objection to this Proposed Final Judgment.

Sincerely,

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